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## U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02370-CRC

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/15/2018 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff** 

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/15/2018	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5737885) filed by BUZZFEED INC (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A – FOIA Request, # 2 Exhibit B – FOIA Response, # 3 Civil Cover Sheet, # 4 Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/15/2018	2	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/16/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zmd) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
10/18/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zrdj) (Entered: 10/18/2018)

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11/13/2018	4	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/29/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/29/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/2/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/2/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
12/03/2018	7	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/04/2018	9	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Lynn Schafer on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/04/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by December 18, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/4/2018. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/18/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/18/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR DISCLOSURE</i> by BUZZFEED INC (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' 10 joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant file a motion for an Open America stay by January 28, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its response to the motion, if any, by February 11, 2019; Defendant shall file any reply in support of the motion by February 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 18–cv–2370. (lccrc1) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Motions due by 1/28/2019. Responses due by 2/11/2019. Replies due by 2/19/2018. (lsj) Modified on 12/26/2018 (zlsj). (Entered: 12/19/2018)
01/28/2019	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Motion for Open America Stay</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting 11 Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant shall file its motion for an Open America stay by March 29, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its response to the motion, if any, by April 12, 2019; Defendant shall file any reply in support of the motion by April 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 1/30/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
01/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Motions due by 3/29/2019. Responses due by 4/12/2019. Replies due by 4/19/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to BUZZFEED INC Attorney Matthew Lynn Schafer terminated. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>13</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>14</u>	MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Exhibit 1, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
04/12/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> Defendant's Motion to Stay and <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the Court hereby GRANTS <u>14</u> Defendant's Motion to Stay.

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The case is hereby stayed through November 26, 2019. During the pendency of the stay, Defendant shall issue an interim response by May 28, 2019 and a second and final response by July 12, 2019, pertaining to Attorney General Sessions' emails. Defendant shall also process and produce to Plaintiff as soon as is practicable, and no later than thirty (30) days, the email that Defendant located as described in 15 the parties' Joint Status Report. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/16/2019. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/16/2019)